



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

11:15 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Also Present: Sims (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[19-6759](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/22/2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 19-6759. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

The Committee met in Executive Session

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6671](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Shakman Compliance Officers Quarterly Update

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-6671. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6676](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section

October 16, 2019 - November 7, 2019

Conflicts Counsel Unit

July 28, 2019 - October 25, 2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6676. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6706](#)**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL***Prince v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 2952

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

Tab Item No. 1*Velez v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 8144

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

Tab Item No. 2*Gray v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 2624

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

Tab Item No. 3*Brown v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm
of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

Tab Item No. 4*Bless v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 4271

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

Tab Item No. 5*Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085**Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146*

Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 9056

Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274

Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and
the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP.

Tab Item No. 6

DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1028

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 7

People v. Vernon Lauderdale

Case No. 08 CR 14331

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 8

Lefkowitz v. S. Justin Brown, et al.

Case No. 18 L 12474

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 9

Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 L 6752

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 10

Illinois v. Grambling

Case No. 18-003100

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 11*Illinois v. Weston*

Case No. 90 CR 16376 & 91 CR 640

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 12

*Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and
Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 13*Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al.*

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

Tab Item No. 14*Robert Garduno v. County of Cook and City of Chicago*

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

Tab Item No. 15*Shakman v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County*

Case No: 69 C 2145

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Jeffrey S. Fowler and the
firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No. 16*Darrick Williams v. Village of Calumet Park, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 5198

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Robert R. Cohen and
the firm of Frankel & Cohen, LLP.

Tab Item No. 17

Squeo, Anthony v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 18 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 18

Shyne, Martenia v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 19 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 19

Shaffer v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 15653

Jackson v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 14378

Garrett-Williams v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 19 CH 840

Bridges v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 15535

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 20

Beauchamp, Marquis v. Thomas Dart.

Case No. 19 CH 8869

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 21

Sheppard, David v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 19 C 296

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 22

Beltran, David F. v. Thomas J. Dart

Case No. 19 CH 9268

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 23

Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm
of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 24

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 17 L 10368

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 25

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.

Case No: 16 C 11723

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Brette Bensinger and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Tab Item No. 26

County of Cook v. Wells Fargo & Co., et al.

Case No. 14 C 9548

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 27

Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County

Case No. 18 L 3398

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 28

Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 08 C 6946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 29

Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 16 CH 4127

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 30

Sorrentino-Berger v. Murphy, et al.

Case No: 18 L 1927

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 31

Reyes v. Sgt. Hiessen, et al.

Case No: 18 C 330

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item A

Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893

Loveless v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 13585

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item B

Strickland v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 2621

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

Tab Item C

Johnson v. Brown, et al., 17 C 6249

Johnson v. Taylor, et al., 18 C 5263

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item D

Melongo v. Podlasek, et al.

Case No: 13 C 4924

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item E

Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 0471

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item F

Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

*Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County
Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item G

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-6706. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6677](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Azavar v. Cook County Threatened Litigation*

Case Number: (Pre-litigation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6677. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6678](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Michael Parish, et al. v. Dart*

Case Number: 07 C 4369

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6678. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6679](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Gustavo Cortes v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 8757

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6679. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6683](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Mixan, Cory v. Dr. Evan Greenbaum, et al.*

Case Number: 19 C 5399

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6683. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6687](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Antoine Palton (Est. Deborah Ann Palton) vs. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3834

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6687. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6688](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Jariah Richardson, a minor by her Guardian Devon Bank and Nichole Moore, Individually v. County of Cook, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3439

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6688. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6692](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Cases related to Percy Taylor v. Dart*

Case Number: 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6692. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6696](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3834

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6696. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6700](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *State of New York, et al. v. United States Dep't of Health and Human Serv., et al*

Case Number: 19 C 4676

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6700. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6701](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6701. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6705](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Appointment of Outside Counsel

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to

receive and file 19-6705. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6814

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Cook County v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L. 13180

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6814. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

ADJOURNMENT

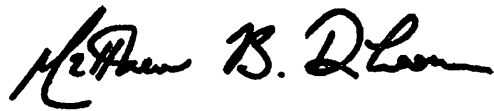
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.